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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/14/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-38 which have been renumbered as indicate claims 1-37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 October 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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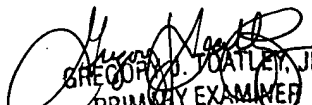
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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 PRIMARY EXAMINER SDE 2877

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 7 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 8 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 9 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 10 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 11 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 12 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Claim 13 line 1; the delete "5" before the "apparatus of claim" and replace – 1 --.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 5-38 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's response to amendment on 10/14/04 has been entered. It is noted that the present application contains claims 1-4 and 6-38 and claim 5 has been canceled by the Amendment filed on 10/14/04.

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As to independent claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails discloses or render obvious a NA equalizing apparatus comprising all the specific elements with the specific combination including of the transmission element comprises further: an axis, an output surface, the output surface comprising a first output dimension and a second output dimension, the second output dimension being substantially orthogonal to the first output dimension, the second output dimension substantially parallel to the second input dimension, a first input NA in a plane of the first input dimension and the axis, and a second input NA in a plane of the second input dimension and axis, wherein a first ratio of a first product of the first input dimension and the first input NA to the first output dimension is substantially equal to a second ratio of a second product of the second input dimension and the second input NA to the second output dimension in set forth limitation of claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Sang Nguyen whose telephone number (571)-272-2425. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday From 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 77. The

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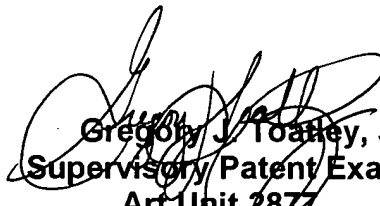
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